12 November 1969

The Director

Attached is Ted Shackley's reply to my cable alerting him to Secretary Packard's desire for a private chat on 16 November. (A copy of the outgoing cable is also attached for your reference.)

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Attachments

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TO: PRIORITY SAIGON -9/	CITE HEADQUARTERS	
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- 1. 10 NOVEMBER SESSION WITH DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY
 PACKARD WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO DISCUSSION OF HIS FORTHCOMING
 TRIP. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, HIS PRESENT SAIGON ETA IS 1300
 SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER. PACKARD SAID HE WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO
 HAVE A LENGTHY, QUIET CONVERSATION WITH YOU ON HIS FIRST
 DAY IN VIETNAM. HE WILL BE STAYING AT AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S
 RESIDENCE AND HIS SCHEDULE IS PRESENTLY OPEN FROM
 1700-1900 THAT FIRST DAY (SUNDAY). PACKARD SAID HE WOULD TRY
 TO GET HIS IMMEDIATE POST ARRIVAL BRIEFINGS COMPRESSED
 ENOUGH TO ENABLE HIM TO MEET YOU AROUND 1630 SO THE TWO OF
 YOU COULD HAVE AN UNINTERRUPTED TWO AND A HALF HOURS
 TOGETHER.

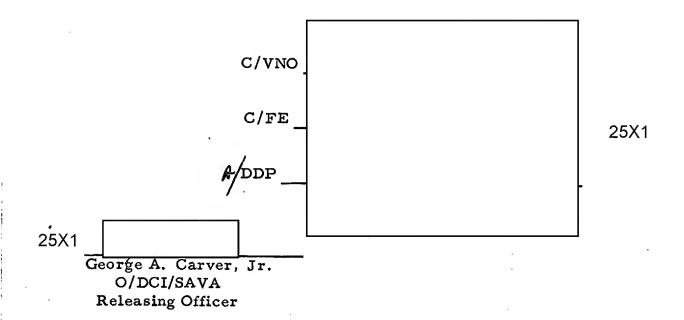
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WITH YOU THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, PROSPECTS AND LIKELY POLITICAL IMPACT OF LAND REFORM
LEGISLATION, THE STATE OF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN SAIGON,
AND THE WHOLE MATTER OF PHOENIX AND THE PRU'S. HE ALSO
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING OVER HIS SCHEDULE WITH HIM
AND OFFERING ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON ADDITIONAL,
OR OTHER, PLACES, PROGRAMS OR PEOPLE HE SHOULD SEE.

3. PACKARD WAS NOT SURE WHERE WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE FOR THE TWO OF YOU TO MEET AND ALSO SEEMED UNDECIDED ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF THE AMBASSADOR'S BEING PRESENT. (HE SAID 25X1 ONE OF THE THINGS HE MOST VALUED AND RESPECTED ABOUT WAS OUR CANDOR AND OBJECTIVITY AND HE DID NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNDER ANY INHIBITIONS.) I PUNTED ON THIS ONE BY SUGGESTING THE RESIDENCE AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR YOUR CONVERSATION AND SUGGESTING THAT HE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION THE FINAL CHOICE OF SITE AND THE FORM OR MANNER OF ANY INVITATION TENDERED TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER TO SIT IN ON ALL OR PART OF YOUR CONVERSATION. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT A CABLE HAS GONE FROM PACKARD'S OFFICE TO ABRAMS SAYING THAT HE WANTS THE TIME FROM 1630 TO 1930 SET ASIDE FOR A MEETING WITH THE CAS STATION CHIEF AT A STIE OF YOUR SELECTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MECHANICS AND DETAILS OF PACKARD'S VISIT ARE BEING HANDLED DIRECTLY OUT OF ABRAMS' OFFICE.

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- 1. APPRECIATE REF ALERT NOTICE FOR IT ALLOWS US TO COMPLETE APPROPRIATE HOMEWORK IN TIMELY MANNER.
- 2. RE REF PARA 3 THERE NO PROBLEM WITH AMBASSADOR
 BUNKER, FOR HE PERFECTLY HAPPY TO HAVE ME HAVE QUIET AND
 PRIVATE TWO SOME SESSION WITH ANY DISTINGUISHED VISITOR WHO
 ASKS FOR SUCH MEETING.
- 3. WILL CONTACT GENERAL ABRAMS OFFICE 12 NOVEMBER 69
 AND IN SO DOING WILL NAIL DOWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR 16 NOVEMBER
 SESSION WITH SECRETARY PACKARD.

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